



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

November 12, 2020

THE ADMINISTRATOR

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Reconsideration of the Woodbrook Remedy

FROM: Andrew R. Wheeler

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TO: Peter Lopez
Regional Administrator, Region 2

CC: OLEM, OECA, OGC

This memorandum sets forth my direction to Region 2 to immediately review the 2013 Record of Decision (ROD) dated September 30, 2013 and associated Explanation of Significant Differences dated February 5, 2018 for the Woodbrook Road Dump Superfund site. Region 2 shall provide public notice of this review and the intent to develop a ROD Amendment consistent with the NCP, including an opportunity for public comment on any appropriate revised decision document. Region 2's Superfund and Emergency Management Division (SEMD) should work in consultation with the Office of Superfund, Remediation, Technology and Innovation (OSRTI) to reconsider and revise, as appropriate, the previously selected remedy for the site, consistent with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), and existing EPA CERCLA guidance, and in light of the considerations discussed below. The revised selected remedy should be consistent with CERCLA, the NCP and agency guidance, taking into account the site-specific facts.

I have considered the recommendations of the Assistant Administrator of the Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM) in a memorandum dated November 11, 2020. Any revised proposed plan and ROD Amendment should address the considerations set forth in the November 11, 2020 memorandum, as appropriate. I believe this will help ensure that the remedy selection decision at this site is based on actual and realistic land use scenarios and does not select CERCLA remedial actions that are not needed to ensure protection of human health and the environment.

The revised proposed plan and ROD should be reviewed with the Assistant Administrator of OLEM to ensure consistency with this memorandum and the November 11, 2020 memorandum before the proposed plan is issued for public comment.